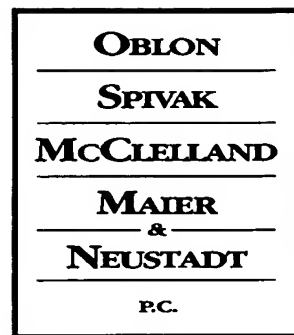




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/722,555  
Applicants: Pierre-Charles ROMOND, et al.  
Filing Date: November 28, 2003  
For: METHOD FOR DETECTING MICRO-ORGANISMS  
Group Art Unit: 1645  
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Request for Extension of Time (Third One Month)**  
**Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) (Return Copy)**  
**Substitute Specification Under 37 CFR § 1.125**

**Substitute Specification (28 pp. Specification; 16 Claims; 6 Sheets of Drawings)**

Our credit card payment form in the amount of \$590.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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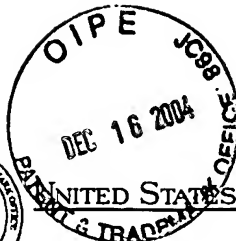
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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 11/16/2004 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 07/16/2004 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application. Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52, 1.121(b)(3), and 1.125, is required. The specification, claims, or abstract page(s) submitted is not acceptable and cannot be scanned or properly stored because:
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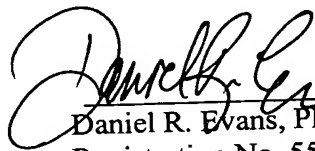
Applicants attach herewith a Substitute Specification in response to the requirement set forth in the Notice to File Missing Parts dated July 16, 2004 and responsive to the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated December 6, 2004. The attached Substitute Specification contains text with 1½-spaced lines. It is believed that no new matter will be added upon entry of the attached Substitute Specification.

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